

SENATE BILL 625

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CF HB 817

By: **Senator Feldman**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carbon Removal Technology and Practices Dioxide Capture, Removal, and**
3 **Sequestration Projects – Regulations and Use of Funding Standards**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations and
5 standards governing the permitting of ~~certain carbon removal technology and~~
6 ~~practices~~ dioxide capture, removal, and sequestration projects; requiring each State
7 ~~agency to use available funding sources to fund carbon removal projects that utilize~~
8 ~~certain carbon removal technology and practices;~~ and generally relating to carbon
9 ~~removal technology and practices~~ dioxide capture, removal, and sequestration
10 projects.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Environment
13 Section 2–1213
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, The current practice of applying solid waste regulations to the process
18 of carbon removal is unsuitable; now, therefore,

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Environment

2 2-1213.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURE, REMOVAL, OR
4 SEQUESTRATION PROJECT” MEANS A PROJECT THAT PROVIDES OR SEEKS TO
5 PROVIDE FOR THE LONG-TERM ISOLATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE THROUGH STORAGE
6 IN A GEOLOGIC FORMATION.

7 (B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT
8 REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS GOVERNING THE PERMITTING OF CARBON
9 REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY AN
10 INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION BODY DIOXIDE
11 CAPTURE, REMOVAL, OR SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS.

12 ~~(B) EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL USE AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO~~
13 ~~FUND CARBON REMOVAL PROJECTS THAT UTILIZE CARBON REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY~~
14 ~~AND PRACTICES THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED~~
15 ~~THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION BODY.~~

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.